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MINUTES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF EVANGELICAL MISSIONS IN KOREA.

A meeting of the Missionaries assembled in Seoul was held in Ewa Chapel, September 11th 1905, at 7.30 P. M., the object of the meeting being to discuss the feasibility of union along the various lines of evangelical work. Dr. H. G. Underwood was chosen chairman and D. A. Bunker secretary. After singing and prayer the minutes of the meeting of the committees appointed by the Presbyterian Mission, North, the Presbyterian Mission, South, Australian Presbyterian Mission, Canadian Presbyterian Mission, M. E. Mission, South, and the M. E. Mission, were read.

It was moved by Mr. Hulbert that the recommendations set forth in the minutes be considered as a whole. The motion was carried and a general discussion followed in which a goodly number took part.

Dr. Scranton moved that steps be taken looking toward the immediate formation of an evangelical council, to be composed of representatives of the various Protestant bodies in Korea. Carried.

Mr. Moore moved that those in session now organize themselves into an Evangelical Council. Carried.

Mr. Swallen moved that Friday the 15th inst. be set apart for the meeting of the members of all evangelical Missions in Korea in the capacity of a Council of Evangelical Missions; and that the chairmen of the committees already appointed by the different Missions act as a committee to arrange a program for the meeting and to draft an outline of a constitution for the Council. Carried.

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The program of the day as presented by the Committee on Program was then taken up. The first item was the consideration of the proposed constitution as drafted by the committee to whom the work had been assigned. Mr. Reynolds as secretary of said committee read the constitution, and upon motion of Dr. Scranton it was considered article by article. Several articles of the constitution were considered and passed upon.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, upon motion by Mr. Cable the meeting stood adjourned to meet at 2.30 P. M., a closing prayer being offered by Dr. Ross.

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Mr. Bull moved that as soon as the boundaries are fixed by the Executive Committee, that the results be published and circulated among the missionaries. Carried.

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Mr. Gerline moved that the Committee appointed to

publish a Prayer Calendar be requested to consider the matter of a simultaneous revival effort in the church throughout Korea, and if they deem such effort advisable that they agree on the time for such revival and communicate same to the various Mission stations. Carried.

The Chair appointed as a Committee to prepare the Prayer Calendar Messrs. Moose, Bunker, Gale and Reynolds.

Mr. Swallen moved that the Missions unite in the work of conducting Bible Classes. Carried.

A report from the Joint Hymn-book Committee was read and accepted in the following form: Resolved that we suggest the name of 찬송가, or Songs of Praise, in English, for the new hymnal.

Resolved that in this edition we include the Lord's Prayer, and The Ten Commandments. To this last resolution the following was added to the Commandments upon motion of Dr. Wells: Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Moved by Mr. Bell that the Hymn-book Committee appointed by the various Missions be asked to serve on behalf of the General Council as a committee for the publishing of the 찬송가. Carried.

The reports of sub-committees was called for and Mr. Beck gave a verbal report of the Committee on the unification of Mission periodicals.

Dr. Wells moved that we recommend that if we have one Christian native paper it be called the *대한예수교회성문*. Carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Crum the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with.

Upon motion by Mr. Harrison the secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the meeting for the present chairman and secretary, Dr. Underwood and Mr. Bunker, to act in his capacity for the year to come.

Mr. B. H. Miller was chosen as statistical secretary. Dr. Scranton was chosen as vice-chairman.

Mr. Bunker was chosen as treasurer.

After some discussion as to funds to defray publication expenses of the Council, upon motion by Dr. Avison it was decided to levy a pro rata tax upon those attending the present meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Moose the secretary was asked to act as a Committee to attend to the publication of the Minutes and Constitution.

Upon motion by Mr. Moore the Committee on Arrangements for next year was asked to have the program for the meeting of 1908 in the hands of the missionaries one month before date of meeting.

Mr. Moore moved that we suggest the advisability of dropping the terms *종교*, *이교*, and *불교*, substituting for the same the name *대한예수교회* as the name of the united native church. The motion was carried, the matter of the name, upon motion by Dr. Moffett, being referred to a committee which should report at the next meeting. Upon motion by Mr. Sidebotham the Executive Committee was asked to act as the committee to report upon name.

As the time for adjournment was near at hand, upon motion by Mr. McCutchen it was decided to hear the remainder of the sub-committees' reports without discussion of same. The reports of the Committees on Union of S. S. Literature, Union Bible Woman's Training Class and the reports on union medical work in Seoul and Pyengyang were read and ordered printed as read.

Upon motion by Dr. Scranton the Officers were appointed *ex-officio* members of the Executive Committee for one year.

After prayer the meeting stood adjourned sine die upon motion by Mr. F. S. Miller.

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL  
COUNCIL OF EVANGELICAL MISSIONS IN KOREA.

Article 1. NAME: The Name of this Conference shall be "The General Council of Evangelical Missions in Korea," briefly referred to as "The General Council."

Article 2. AIM: The aim of this Council shall be co-operation in Mission efforts, and eventually the organization in Korea of but one native evangelical Church.

Article 3. POWERS: (1) The General Council shall have advisory powers and such powers as may be delegated to it by the various Missions.

(2) With regard to such matters as may be referred to it by the various Missions in proper form, no decision of the Council shall be binding upon, or interfere with the autonomy of, the Missions as regards the standing of the individual missionaries, their mission methods, the application of mission funds, and the instructions and regulations of the home Boards, or home Assemblies and Conferences, under whose direction the various Missions work.

Article 4. MEMBERS: The members of all Evangelical Missions composing the Council shall be entitled to membership, provided, however, that only ordained missionaries shall have a vote in matters pertaining to ministerial functions, church discipline, doctrine and polity, after such powers shall have been delegated to this Council.

Article 5. OFFICERS: The Officers of this Council shall be:

(1) Chairman; (2) Vice-Chairman; (3) Secretary; (4) Treasurer; (5) Statistician;—all to be elected annually.

Article 6. FINANCE: The financial liabilities of the Council incurred for meetings, printing of minutes, programs, etc., and for postage and stationery, shall be met by a *pro rata* assessment on the Missions, according to the number of missionaries; and all bills against the Council shall be submitted at the annual meeting of the Council.

Article 7. MEETINGS: (1) The Annual Meeting of

the Council shall be held in Seoul, until otherwise agreed, at some time to be fixed by the Committee on Arrangements.

(2) At the Annual Meeting the members present shall constitute a quorum.

Article 8. COMMITTEES: (1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Arrangements, consisting of one member from each Mission, to be appointed by the Mission.

(2) There shall be an Executive Committee, composed of one member each from the various Missions composing the Council. This committee shall have power to execute plans agreed upon by the Council; and also to decide *ad interim* any question of comity or other matters pertaining to the work of The General Council, which may be submitted to it by any Mission. Such decisions shall be communicated to the Missions concerned for their consideration.